

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
APPROPRIATIONS**

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Vice-Chairman, Representative Matthew Gillard.

Members present: Representatives Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss and Nofs.

Members absent/excused: Representatives Cushingberry and Brandenburg.

Vice Chairman Gillard laid before the Committee HB 4850.

HB 4850 Virgil Smith State financing and management; funds; securitization of tobacco funds; increase amount.

The Vice Chairman called on Mitch Bean from the House Fiscal Agency for explanation of the bill and to answer questions of the members.

Tom Saxton from the Michigan Department of Treasury was there for support and clarification of the bill.

Representative Gillard offered the following amendment to HB 4850:

1. Amend page 2, line 7, after the first "of" by striking out "\$500,000,000.00" and inserting "\$900,000,000.00".

Representative Sak moved to adopt the amendment.

Representative Gonzales supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 26-2-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Gillard, Bauer, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: Representatives Bennett, Amos.

PASS: None.

Representative Cheeks moved to report HB 4850 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). Representative Espinoza supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 23-5-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Gillard, Bauer, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Spade, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: Representatives Bennett, Byrnes, Alma Smith, Vagnozzi, Amos

PASS: None.

Vice Chairman Gillard laid before the committee HB 4851.

HB 4851 Meisner	Higher education; financial aid; transfers of money by Michigan higher education student loan authority to Michigan merit award trust fund; authorize.
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Vice Chairman Gillard recognized Mitch Bean and Kyle Jen from the House Fiscal Agency to answer questions regarding the bill.

James Bliss from Dickinson Wright Counselors at Law further explained and answered questions of the members.

Representative Sak moved to adopt a substitute (H-1).

Representative Byrnes supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 29-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Alma Smith moved to amend HB 4851 (H-1) as follows:

1. Amend page 6, line 4, after “V” by inserting “**IN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007,**”.

Representative Byrnes supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 28-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Sak moved to report HB 4851 with recommendation as substitute (H-2).

Representative Byrnes supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-1-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Sak, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, Nofs.

NAYS: Representative Amos.

PASS: None.

Vice-Chairman Gillard announced that Bob Burns, from Representative Meisner's office, submitted a card in support of HB 4851 but did not wish to speak.

Rep. Sak moved that all absent members be excused. Representative Cheeks supported the motion. Without objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, Vice Chairman Gillard adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:15 a.m.

Representative Matthew Gillard, Vice-Chair_____

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994